# DEFEND THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH!

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# DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST DOCTOR PEADAR O'GRADY!

## NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 27th
September 3pm Parnell
Square, Dublin

***BRING TRADE UNION BANNERS***

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE** (in personal capacity):
***Michael Farrell (ICCL), John Gormley (Green TD), Senator Joe Costello (Labour), Vincent Browne (Journalist), Mick O'Reilly (ATGWU), Carolann Duggan (SIPTU), Eamonn McCann (Journalist)***

**Called by the Dr Peadar O'Grady defence campaign**

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# Drop the charges against Doctor Peadar O'Grady!

Dr Peadar O'Grady has been charged under the Public Order Act for speaking out against corruption while holding an election meeting outside the Rathmines Shopping Centre.

Dr O'Grady was a candidate for the Socialist Workers Party in Dublin South East.

**Everything that Dr O'Grady said about the links between Charles Haughey, Michael Lowry and Ben Dunne was vindicated by the findings of the McCracken Tribunal.**

Yet today he faces serious charges that arise out of an attempt by the Gardai to stop an election meeting.

If the police get away with using the Public Order Act in this way, it will represent a grave attack on civil liberties.

Trade unionists and everyone concerned about free speech should support this demonstration.

## What they say about the case

*"The Gardai have literally thrown the book at Peadar O'Grady for seeking to exercise his democratic rights. Peadar O'Grady's case is just another in which this Act has been used to intimidate political activists. He deserves the support of all who believe in democratic freedom and liberal rights."*

***—Professor Ivana Bacik, Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Trinity College.***

*"We would like to express our concern at the fact that Mr O'Grady was charged under the Public Order Act."*

***—Communication Workers Union***

*"We are disturbed at the use of the Public Order Act in this case."*

***—Cork Trades Council***

*"As time goes by, the implications of the Public Order Act become more evident. The potential for abuse is enormous and the use and threat of the Act in situations where there was no threat to public order is very disturbing."*

***—Fr Peter McVerry S.J.***

If you would like to help out in the campaign or would like to order copies of the factsheet on the case, return this form to: Peadar O'Grady Defence Campaign P.O. Box 5877 Blackrock Co Dublin.

I want to help the campaign ❑ I want copies of the factsheet ❑

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